

REMARKS**Status of Claims**

Claims 1-21 and 37 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1-21 and 37 stand rejected. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Affirmation of Election

Applicants hereby affirm the provisional election with traverse to prosecute claims 1-21 and 37.

Rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 USC §112

Claims 1-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Applicants have amended claims 1, 4-8, 15 and 37 to differentiate the individual elements that form the blanket from the blanket itself. No new matter has been added and support for the amendments can be found on page 7 of the specification. Claims 2-3, 9-14, and 16-21 ultimately depend from one of the newly amended claims and contain the limitations thereof.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-21 now comply with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Rejection of Claims 1-21 under 35 USC §103(a)

Claims 1-21 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 2004/0023586A1 in view of JP 58145435.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Tilton et al. publication qualifies as prior art only under section 102(e). The present invention was filed on December 30, 2003 and U.S. 2004/0023586A1 was published on February 5, 2004. U.S. 2004/0023586A1 and the present invention are commonly assigned to Owens Corning

Fiberglas Technology, Inc. The assignment for the present invention was recorded on August 10, 2004 and can be found at reel/frame: 015823/0894. The assignment for U.S. 2004/0023586A1 was recorded on September 19, 2002 and can be found at reel/frame: 013302/0637 As stated in U.S.C. 103(c),

(c) Subject matter developed by another person, which qualifies as prior art only under one or more of subsections (e), (f) and (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the 103 rejection of claims 1-21 and 37 be withdrawn.

Double Patenting Rejections

Claims 1-21 and 37 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patent as being unpatentable over claims 1-36 of copending Application 10/629,099 in view of JP 58145435.

Claims 1-21 and 37 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patent as being unpatentable over claims 1-36 of copending Application 10/211,407 in view of JP 58145435.

Applicants hereby submit two terminal disclaimers and respectfully request that the double-patenting rejections of claims 1-21 and 37 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested. Allowance of claims 1-21 and 37 at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the Applicants' undersigned agent at (740) 321-7213 if any unresolved matters remain.

If any questions should arise with respect to the above Remarks, or if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions to place the claims in better condition for

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allowance, it is requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the number listed below.

Applicant authorizes any fees required pertaining to this response be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0568.

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